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READ/WRITE SENSOR FOR HARD DISK DRIVES

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Examiner: Tianjie Chen
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

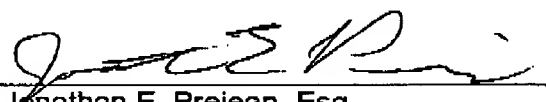
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Applicants note that the Examiner cited an advantage of the invention in the Reasons for Allowance, namely that the invention "provides for maximum stabilization and positioning so a short-circuit path through the hard magnet does not create a problem." While this may indeed be a desirable advantage of particular embodiments of the present invention, Applicants respectfully submit that this advantage is not essential to the claimed invention, nor is it recited in any of the claims. As noted by the Examiner in the Reasons for Allowance, the prior art does not teach each and every limitation of these claims, and accordingly, the invention as claimed is patentably distinct from the prior art for at least that reason, regardless of whether a particular embodiment of the claimed invention achieves the advantage mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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